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DOJ/FTC HEARINGS TO HIGHLIGHT FURTHER BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES ON COMPETITION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division and the Federal Trade Commission today announced topics, times and locations, and participants for the March sessions of their joint hearings on “Competition and Intellectual Property Law and Policy in the Knowledge-Based Economy.” The hearings primarily will examine the implications of competition and patent law and policy for innovation and other aspects of consumer welfare. The general public and press are invited to attend. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Written comments from interested parties may be submitted to the FTC.

**March 19:
(FTC - Room 432)**

9:15 am - noon:

Diverse Perspectives on Patents

F. M. Ross Armbrrecht Jr., President, Industrial Research Institute

Makan Delrahim, Republican Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Joanne M. Hayes-Rines, Vice President, United Inventors Association

Brian Kahin, Visiting Professor & Director, Center for Information Policy, University of Maryland

James Love, Director, Consumer Project on Technology

Ronald Myrick, Chief Patent Counsel, General Electric; President-Elect, American Intellectual Property Law Association

1:30 - 4:45 pm:

Business Perspectives on Patents: Biotech and Pharmaceuticals

Robert A. Armitage, Vice President and General Patent Counsel, Eli Lilly and Company

Monte R. Browder, Senior Intellectual Property Counsel, Ivax Corporation

Barbara Caulfield, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Affymetrix, Inc.

David Coffin-Beach, President, Torpharm, Inc.

Gregory J. Glover, Partner, Ropes & Gray, Counsel to Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

Nancy J. Linck, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Guilford Pharmaceuticals

Rochelle K. Seide, Partner, Baker Botts, LLP

Edward A. Snyder, Dean and Professor of Economics, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business

March 20
(FTC - Room 432)

9:30 am - noon:

Business Perspectives on Patents: Hardware and Semiconductors

George B. Brunt, Senior Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary, Alcatel USA

Daniel McCurdy, President and Chief Executive Officer, ThinkFire

Richard L. Thurston, Vice President and General Counsel, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.

Harry Wolin, Vice President of Intellectual Property, Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.

Gary Zanfagna, Associate General Counsel for Antitrust, Honeywell International

Rosemarie Ziedonis, Assistant Professor of Management, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

1:30 - 4:00pm:

Business Perspectives on Patents: Software and the Internet

Dean Alderucci, Chief Counsel of Intellectual Property, Walker Digital

Edward J. Black, President and CEO, Computer & Communications Industry Association

Scott Sander, President, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, SightSound Technologies

Mark Webbink, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Red Hat, Inc.

Further information about these and subsequent hearings, expected to extend through

June, will be posted on the Antitrust Division's web site www.usdoj.gov/atr/hearing.htm and the FTC's web site www.ftc.gov/opp/intellect/index.htm as it becomes available.

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